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For: STABILIZED COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING TISSUE FACTOR PATHWAY INHIBITOR PROTEIN OR TISSUE FACTOR PATHWAY INHIBITOR VARIANT PROTEINS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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This paper responds to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004. Please charge the fee for a two-month extension of time and any other fee which may be due to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Claims 1-32 are pending and stand rejected.

Please enter the following amendments.

As discussed above, none of the claims – including amended claim 10 – are obvious over the combination of Chen and Kosoglou. Takruri is cited as teaching the use of methionine to inhibit rapid oxidation of methionine residues and thereby stabilize methionine-containing polypeptides. Office Action at page 12, first paragraph. But Takruri does not teach an oxygen displacement gas as recited in amended claim 1. Takruri therefore does not remedy the deficiencies of Chen and Kosoglou and does not render claims 14 and 15 obvious.

4. The Rejection of Claims 6-9 Over Chen

Claim 6 has been canceled. Claims 7-9 are directed to various aspects of the oxygen displacement gas recited in amended claim 1. As discussed above, Chen does not teach or suggest a composition comprising TFPI or a TFPI variant and an oxygen displacement gas. Chen therefore does not render claims 7-9 obvious.

Respectfully submitted,

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